

EYFS Newsletter

21st April 2022

We had a great start to the Summer Term after a restful break. The children were excited to share their holidays with their teachers and friends and all settled back into routines quickly.

We began our 'Growing and Life Cycle' topic by learning about the environment. The children helped their teachers to sweep leaves in our outdoor area, tidy resources and make sure that our classrooms are tidy at the end of play.

During continuous provision, the children investigated flowers, drew observational drawings of flowers and plants, made flowers out of playdough and junk modelling and watered our plants.

Nursery

In English, we listened to the story Lola plants a garden. We discussed what a garden is and what can be grown in our garden. The children drew their pictures of their own garden with beautiful flowers and mini beasts.

In Phonics, we began our oral blending and segmenting unit. The children have been enjoying playing I spy outside. The teacher sound talk the words for children to oral blend such as c-ar, z-i-p, ch-air, d-o-g and c-a-t.

In Mathematics, we continued with developing number patterns skills and using familiar shapes to create animals.

Reception

In English, we listened to the story Tidy and discussed taking care of the environment. The children wrote an apology letter to the forest and the animals and created posters of how to protect them.

In Phonics, we began phase 4. This week we focus on short vowels and writing CVCC words. We practised how to read and write words such as tent, went, jump, soft, lost and pond. We also introduced the tricky words said, so, have and like.

In Mathematics, the children learned about numbers beyond 10. Through practical activities the children made different representations of numbers to 20.

In P.E., we began our tennis unit. The children experimented with throwing and catching a tennis ball.

This week's Makaton sign is:

Scared

**Reception Exciting Words of the Week:**

- Flavourful
- Blissful
- Nature

Nursery Number focus:

3

Reception Number focus:

20

Nursery Weekly Song:

Yes yes save the earth

CPS authors of the week:

Libby
Marc

Nursery Practise at Home:

- Help at home by recycling your rubbish. How many plastic items did you collect? How many items were made from card?

Reception Practise at Home:

- Practise the new tricky words: said, so, have, like.
- How many number bonds for the number 20 can you say?
- Complete Doodle Maths.







NOTICES:

Sun Cream - As the weather gets warmer please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and send your child with a cap/hat as they spend a lot of time learning outdoors.

April Parent Consultations – If your child has their birthday on April or October the class teacher will contact parents near the time to book a parent consultation slot. The meeting will be on 28th April.

Waterproofs/Wellies – Please return your child's waterproofs and wellies as the children will be wearing them when playing outside in the mud and water, in all weather conditions.

Gardening Donations – We are still accepting donations of watering cans, seeds, artificial flowers, flower pots, children's gardening tools. Thank you

Dolls' Clothes – If you have spare dolls' clothes (or newborn baby clothes) we appreciate your donation. Thank you.

Water bottles – Please ensure that your child has a water bottle every day in school. Please support us in teaching your child to understand when they need to drink water and to be independent with their self-care.

Instagram Account – Claygate Primary School has a dedicated Instagram account for EYFS. Please follow us and see what our EYFS children are learning.
[@claygate_primary_school_eyfs](https://www.instagram.com/claygate_primary_school_eyfs)

Parent communication – Please remember if you have any questions or concerns you should first contact your child's class teacher followed by the EYFS leader. We are happy to discuss any questions that may arise regarding your child's learning.

Sadly, despite recent improvements in our drainage systems, we returned this week to yet another Nursery flood. We have had the carpet cleaned and sanitised and Surrey are now looking at further ways to mitigate future flooding. Thanks to Team CPS we were able to get everything ready to open yesterday but we have lost some soft furnishings; rugs, bean bags and teds and some furniture, puzzles and dressing up clothes have had to be disposed of. The children however returned to exciting learning opportunities linked to their new topic on 'Growing'.

We thank you, as always, for your continuing support.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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